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---As evident from the above discussion and from the drawings, the needle holding member or lancet holding member or lancet holder 30 may be separate from the disposable lancet 60.---

Page 17, line 3, after "surface." insert the following new sentence:

B5
---As evident from the above discussion and from the drawings, the spring or biasing element 40 preferably expands in a direction of the longitudinal axis B of the lancet holding member or lancet holder 30 and preferably pushes the lancet holding member or lancet holder 30.---

line 16, after "segment" insert ---or cantilever extension---; and

line 17, after "segment" insert ---or cantilever extension---

Page 18, line 23, after "use." insert the following new sentence:

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---As evident from the above discussion and from the drawings, the lancet holding member or lancet holder 30 is preferably separate from the lancet 60.---

Page 22, line 3, delete "an".

Page 23, between lines 3 and 4 insert the following new paragraphs:

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---As evident from the above discussion and from the drawings, the housing 20A may comprise a distal end opening. The lancet device may further comprise an end cap (20B and 188) covering the distal end opening of the housing 20A. The lancet device may further comprise an additional biasing element 178 which biases the end cap (20B and 188) toward the housing 20A. The end cap (20B and 188) may be associated with the lancet holding member 30, wherein the lancet device is cocked by pulling the end cap (20B and 188) away from the housing 20A until the trigger 45 engages the lancet holding member 30. A portion of the end cap (20B and 188) may be positioned within the housing 20A.

Thus, as evident from the above discussion and from the drawings, the lancet device may include a generally elongate housing 20A having a forward end opening and a back end opening; a cap 50 with a through hole 53 at a forward end; a lancet holder 30, slidably mounted within the housing 20A; a biasing element 40 which biases the lancet holder 30 toward the forward end opening of the housing 20A; a button 45, movable between a first position in which the lancet holder is restrained when the lancet device is cocked and a second position in which the restraint is removed, permitting the biasing element 40 to thrust the lancet holder 30 forward; and a closure (188, 20B) at the back end of the housing, including an adjustment element comprising a protrusion 174 that stops the forward motion of the lancet holder 30 at a predetermined position, and wherein the adjustment element adjusts the position of the protrusion 174 to controllably change and reset the predetermined position at which the lancet holder 30 is stopped. The lancet device may be cocked by pulling the closure (188, 20B) away from the housing until the button 45 engages the lancet holder 30. The adjustment element may comprise a threaded connection for attaching the closure (188, 20B, 20C) to the housing 20A, whereby rotating the closure (188, 20B, 20C) on the housing 20A positions the protrusion 174 forward and back.---; and

line 28, after "adjusted." insert the following new paragraph:

---As evident from the above discussion and from Figs. 14, 16, and 17, the depth adjustment mechanism (20B, Fig. 14; 20C, Fig. 16; 20B, Fig. 17) may be rotatably mounted on the housing 20A. Also as evident from the above discussion and from Figs. 14, 16, and 17, rotation of the depth adjustment mechanism may be limited by the housing.---

Page 25, between lines 21 and 22, insert the following new paragraph: